


JULY 2018- JUNE 2019

# DONOR IMPACT REPORT



Ecology in Classrooms & Outdoors



**“I like ECO because it helps us learn about the world and how it works.”**

**4th Grader at Oak Grove Elementary**

To all the friends of ECO,

What an incredible year! On behalf of the students, teachers, and communities we serve across the Pacific Northwest, the ECO Team wants to say thank you. Your support is connecting more students with nature than ever before.

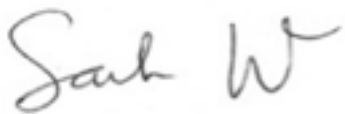
Over the 2018-19 school year, ECO nearly tripled its reach by merging with a nonprofit (Dig In Community), a corporation (The Green Schoolhouse), and a longstanding community ecology education program (the Siuslaw Watershed Program).

These mergers propelled ECO into new regions, enabled us to provide year-round programming, and extended our program reach to grades K-12, in 37 schools, across 14 school districts throughout urban and rural communities. ECO grew 250% in just one year and went from serving 2,880 to 6,330 students!

The experienced, and talented ECO Team also grew (thankfully!) from a staff of 6 to 11 to accommodate all this monumental growth.

Transformation creates opportunity, and we are thrilled beyond measure for the future of ECO. It's all thanks to you. Because of your support, we're empowering more students than ever before to become the environmental stewards, advocates, and change-makers our future needs.

With sincere gratitude,



Co-founder and Chief Operations Officer



# ECO'S YEAR OF EXPANSION

Thanks to your support, ECO grew dramatically in 2018-19. We have expanded programs to the Oregon Coast and in the Siuslaw Watershed, extended service learning for new grade levels, and added after school and summer camp programs reaching students all year. In the 2017-18 school year, ECO served 2,880 students, delivered 396 lessons, and led 33 field trips, for a total of 9,000 contact hours of hands-on ecology programming. Since then, with your support, we've nearly tripled our outreach:



Served

**37**  
Schools

Delivered

**539**  
Lessons

Provided

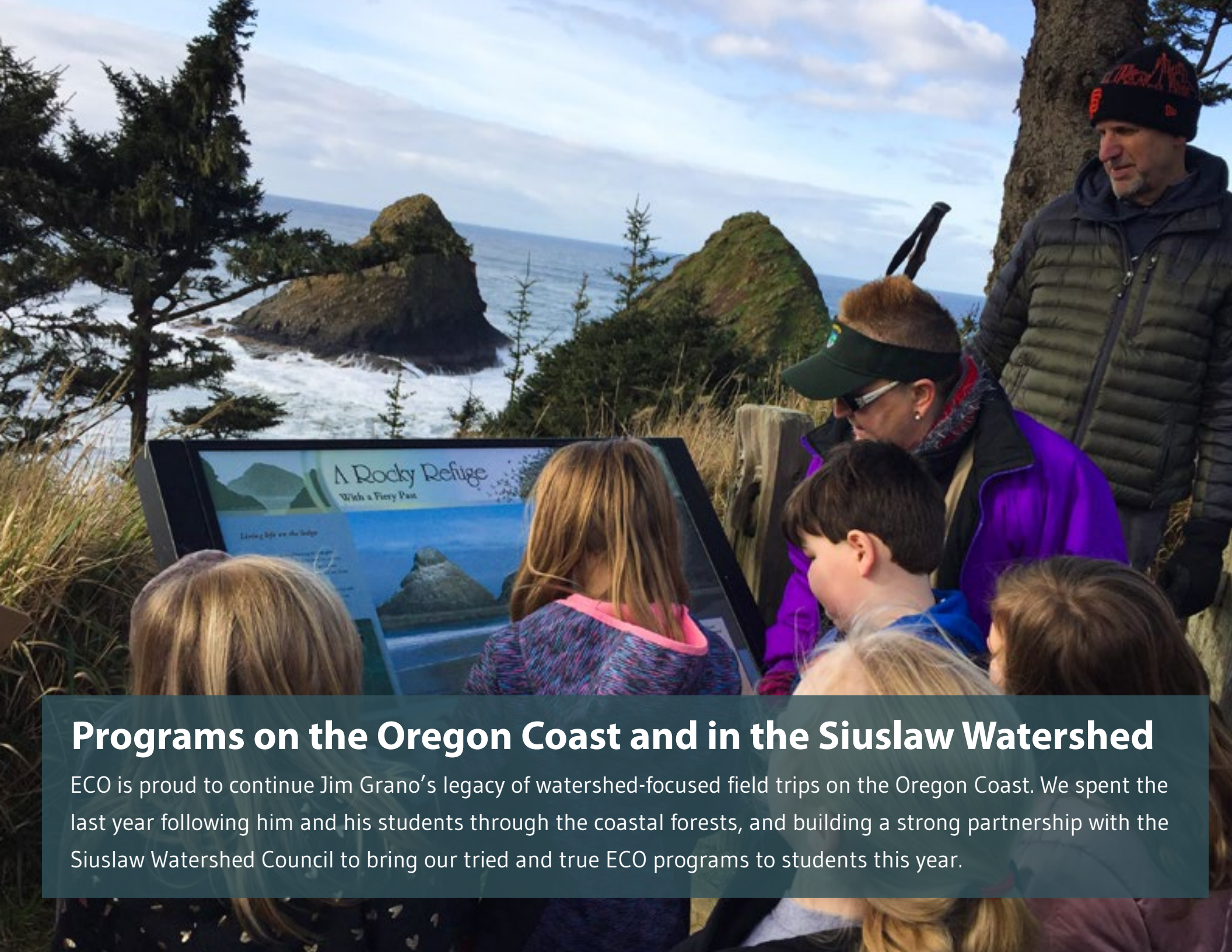
**296**  
Field Trips

Engaged

**6,330**  
Students

For a Total of

**29,490**  
Contact Hours



## Programs on the Oregon Coast and in the Siuslaw Watershed

ECO is proud to continue Jim Grano's legacy of watershed-focused field trips on the Oregon Coast. We spent the last year following him and his students through the coastal forests, and building a strong partnership with the Siuslaw Watershed Council to bring our tried and true ECO programs to students this year.

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Wisdom of the Elders

# AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER CAMP

In 2018, ECO began to offer garden-based, after school education thanks to Green Schoolhouse. We kept the learning going into summer with our first ever day-long camps at the Learning Gardens Lab.

## AFTER SCHOOL 2018-19

Served  
**97**  
Students

Delivered  
**129**  
Lessons

For a Total of:  
**3,870**  
contact hours

## SUMMER CAMP JUNE 2019

Provided  
**3**  
Weeks

Reached  
**49**  
Students

For a Total of:  
**1,960**  
contact hours





# HIGHLIGHTS

**Winners! One Hundred Seconds Spotlight 2018:** Thanks to so many of you voting, One Hundred Seconds—a local video production company and B Corporation—began filming our work to help us communicate what we do in 100 seconds or less to those who don't yet know us. Soon, you can see footage of ECO educators working with Rachel Carson Environmental Middle Schoolers digging out invasives, planting native species, and launching seed bombs.

**Annual Garden Party:** Our second annual Garden Party was lively! Our guests captured their love and awe of our natural world in Dear Nature letters. Thank you to NW Natural, Tiedemann Advisors, Heritage Bank, and Brew Dr. Kombucha for your sponsorship!

**Wisdom of the Elders:** We are so grateful that Wisdom brings Traditional Ecological Knowledge to our habitat enhancement programs at Portland Parks & Recreation natural areas. In the spring of 2019, our partnership (ECO, Wisdom, & PP&R) was awarded a two-year Metro habitat grant to support "Collaborative Community Stewardship: Restoring Public Land Through Traditional Knowledge".

**2018 Give!Guide:** We were honored to be included yet again in Willamette Week's annual Give!Guide. That's five years in a row! Thank you to everyone who contributed to another successful campaign and thank you to sponsors: Brew Dr. Kombucha, Moberi, and OnPoint Community Credit Union!

**Earth Day 2019:** Thank you to Earth Day Oregon for connecting earth-focused nonprofits like ours with like-minded businesses. A huge thanks to our partners: Brew Dr. Kombucha, Moberi, Portland Timbers Stand Together Community Fund, Tiedemann Advisors, Wanderwell, Vernier Software & Technology, for celebrating the earth with us!





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## SERVICE-LEARNING FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

Our merger with Dig In Community brought our programs to 6th through 12th-graders, creating mentorship opportunities while improving the health of our local watersheds!

*Students traveled to a stream in the upper watershed to do a “salmon toss”—depositing of salmon carcasses into a stream to mimic the way native salmon died after spawning before their paths were blocked by dams and development. Through the toss, students deposit vital nutrients for countless organisms, such as juvenile fish, bald eagles, and macroinvertebrates.*





## **PLACE-BASED UNIT UPDATE**

ECO has developed a total of 12 units, complete with a game, in-depth teacher guides, and integrated, multidisciplinary lessons about our local ecology. ECO is committed to creating access to high quality, hands-on ecology education, and these kits will allow us to do this like never before. Thank you to Spirit Mountain Community Fund and Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District for funding this important step!

# PORTLAND METRO FIELD SITES

## Multnomah County:

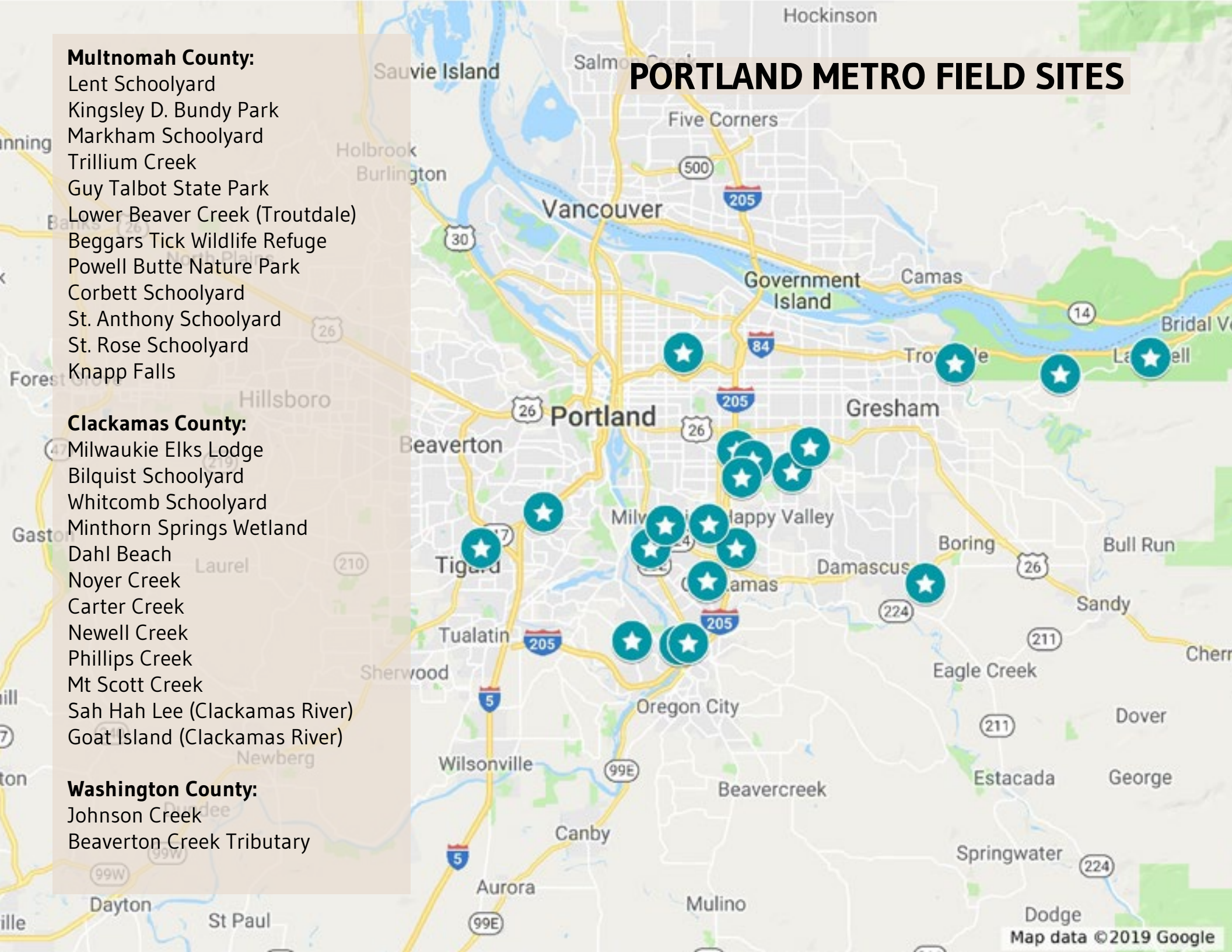
- Lent Schoolyard
- Kingsley D. Bundy Park
- Markham Schoolyard
- Trillium Creek
- Guy Talbot State Park
- Lower Beaver Creek (Troutdale)
- Beggars Tick Wildlife Refuge
- Powell Butte Nature Park
- Corbett Schoolyard
- St. Anthony Schoolyard
- St. Rose Schoolyard
- Knapp Falls

## Clackamas County:

- Milwaukie Elks Lodge
- Bilquist Schoolyard
- Whitcomb Schoolyard
- Minthorn Springs Wetland
- Dahl Beach
- Noyer Creek
- Carter Creek
- Newell Creek
- Phillips Creek
- Mt Scott Creek
- Sah Hah Lee (Clackamas River)
- Goat Island (Clackamas River)

## Washington County:

- Johnson Creek
- Beaverton Creek Tributary



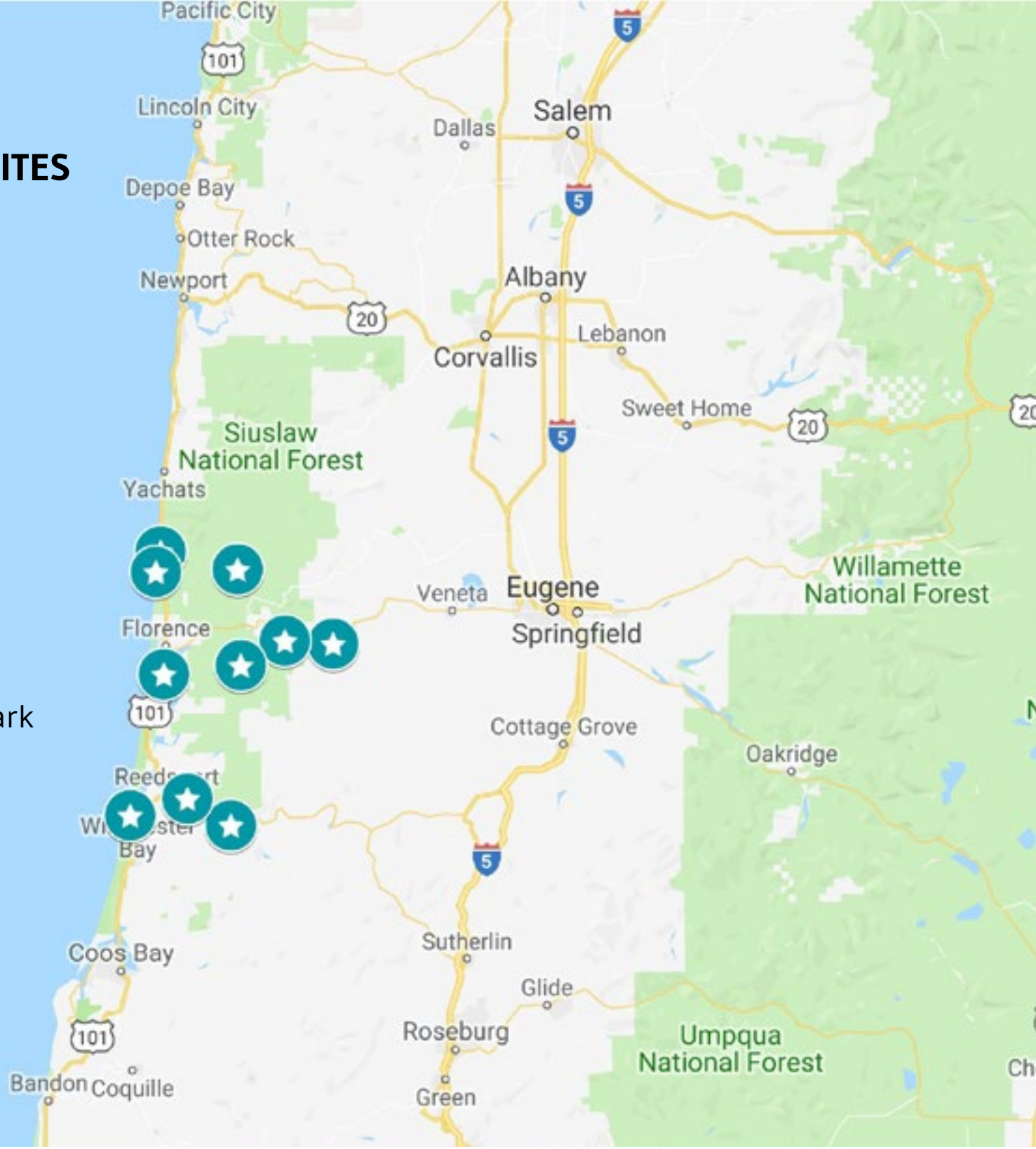
## CENTRAL COAST FIELD SITES

### Lane County

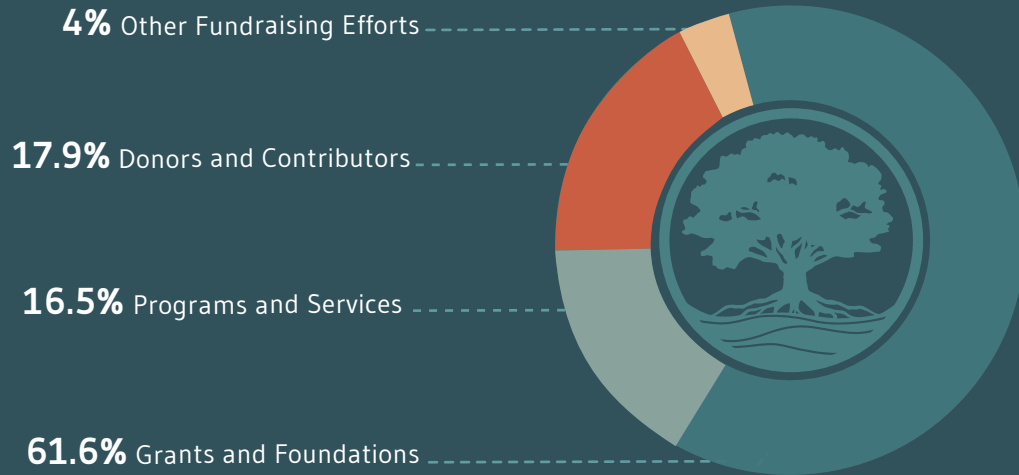
- Washburne State Park
- Honeyman State Park
- Whittaker Creek (BLM)
- Sweet Creek Falls (USFS)
- PAWN Trail (USFS)
- Sea Lion Caves
- Heceta Head Lighthouse

### Douglas County

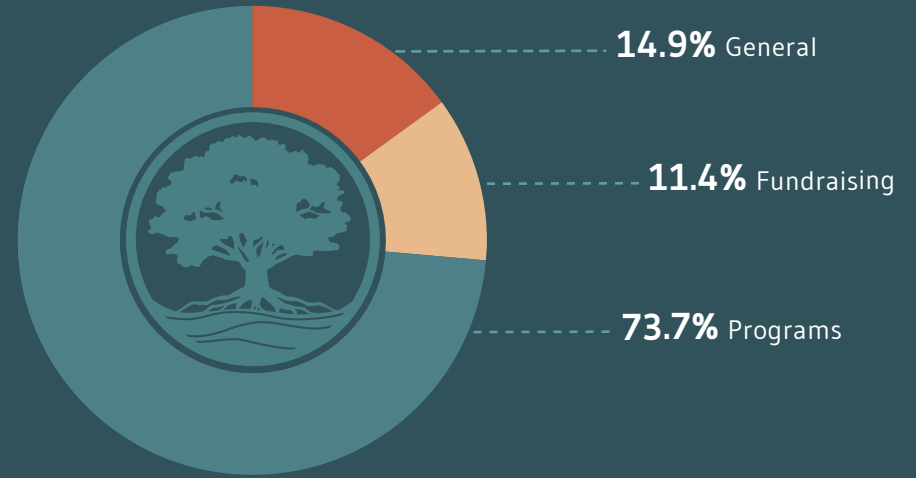
- Charlotte Creek (BLM)
- Umpqua Lighthouse State Park
- Dean Creek Elk Refuge (ODFW/BLM)



## INCOME



## EXPENSE



**80%** of students qualify for free or reduced lunch



**63%** of students identify as a minority

## STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

10% African American, 21% Asian or Pacific Islander, 33% Caucasian, 28% Hispanic, 7% Multiracial, 1% Native American



**WE'RE EMPOWERING MORE STUDENTS THAN EVER BEFORE TO  
BECOME THE STEWARDS, ADVOCATES, AND CHANGE-MAKERS  
OUR FUTURE NEEDS.**





In spring 2019, we bid a fond farewell to Gwendoline Van Doosselaere, our Executive Director of four years. Thank you, Gwendoline, for your years of service and leadership!



## OUR STAFF

Gwendoline Van Doosselaere, Executive Director

Sarah Woods, Co-Founder, Director of Operations

Lauren Rosenstein, Program Director

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**“What could be more important than helping kids understand the importance of our natural world and how all the parts work together? Thanks to ECO for introducing our future leaders to the joy, excitement and significance of the world outside and engaging kids with meaningful projects and information!”**

— Jenny, ECO donor, Great Nonprofits review

## \$250 TO \$449

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Joan Hoffman, Steve and Trese Lytle, Steven Marks, Jenny and Ken Martin, Rod Michaels and Joseph Dove, Brian and Adell Shetterly, Bethany and Matt Thomas, Kathryn Thomas

Our highly-educated staff creates custom, place-based curriculum, and delivers it through hands-on lessons in the classroom and the field. Students in grades k-12 learn not only about ecology, but their role in it.

**“Ecology can change my life by knowing what I can do to make the environment a better place.”**

— 4th Grader at Bilquist Elementary

We believe all children, regardless of circumstance, deserve to have access to experiential learning, and the opportunity to build a personal relationship with nature. As ECO expands to new counties, school districts, classrooms, grade levels, and communities, our mission remains at the center of everything we do:

**ECO inspires students to care for nature and their local communities through hands-on science education.**

Because of your support, we're affirming this mission in countless new and powerful ways. You're doing this work with us!





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